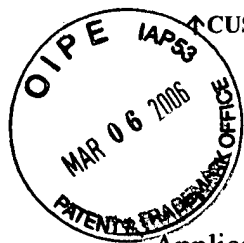


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Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated January 19, 2006, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration in view of the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.